

DDP Special Services workgroup: initial meeting via conference call 12/21/2015

On the call:

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We reviewed the goal of the workgroup: Recommendations to DDP on potential services/service definitions, assessments, etc. that can be added to the 0208 waiver during an amendment.

Laurel referenced some information from New Mexico, in general about their program (previously shared with the workgroup by Paula Tripp) and specifically some about some waiver service definitions which have been added to their waiver. Laurel had also pulled some information from Washington relating to their "Community Protection in Developmental Disabilities" program which was funded in the late 90s to support registered offenders in community settings.

Participants had an opportunity to give initial thoughts about what services were essential to successfully supporting this population with funding, assessment, team involvement in planning and implementation of services based on accurate and up to date information about the person being listed. Education and training for individuals in services as well as for staff and other planning team members was noted as an integral component. The team approach to assessment and planning

Some of the barriers faced by providers and members in services were identified and they include: access to housing, employability and support from co-workers, funding and the requirements for denials from Medicaid before waiver services can be used.

Laurel will send out the pages from the New Mexico waiver application. All members of the group were asked to review the service definitions for **Preliminary Risk Screening and Consultation Related to Inappropriate Sexual Behavior** and for **Socialization and Sexuality Education**.

Laurel will do some additional research into other approved waiver services in different states that might inform our recommendations and requested that any group member who has input or information share that to the group via email if possible before the next meeting.

Gerry shared the following via email at the conclusion of the meeting:

Hi everyone, nice to chat this morning. I don't know where or if these ideas fit into the discussion, but I thought I'd send along the bullet points I mentioned on the call just to bounce them around the committee and learn about the waiver process.... Hope these are helpful.

Best,
Gerry

- Risk assessment using RRASOR, TIPS-ID, ARMIDILLO-S initially then at least annually; ABID or similar measures initially, psych tests initially
- Assessment and screening of non-adjudicated individuals with concerning sexual behaviors
- Specialist consultation hours for assessment based case planning and case specific training for entire treatment team as well as direct care staff
- Self determination skills training in context of sexual problem or offending behavior history and socio-sexual skills training in addition to traditional "offender treatment";
- Assessment and training regarding capacity to consent;

Next meeting (via conference call) January 19, 2016

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